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- The Shanghai Latvian Society is composed of approximately 105 Latvians who do not recognize the incorporation of Latvia into the USSR. Chairman of this society is Werner Edward Koppe, employee of Andersen, Meyer and Company. The vice-chairman is A. P. Ballot, retired official of the Chinese Maritime Customs. The secretary is Ringold Rozitis, a radio operator. At present, this society is inactive.
- 2. Some Latvians in Shanghai, mostly those of Jewish origin, became Soviet citizens after the incorporation of Latvia into the USSR. Among these is O. A. Vitinsky, former employee of the Shanghai Municipal Police attached to the foreign Pao Chia section during forld far II and now employed with the Investigation Section of the International Refugee Organization in Shanghai,
- 3. Currently, Iosef Aleksander Zabulonis, former acting Lithuanian consul, is also unofficially acting as Latvian consul. He is doing this upon the request of the London Latvian representative. Zabulonis assists needy Latvians in Shanghai through his connections with various foreign relief organizations. Although China recognized the incorporation of Latvia into the USSR in 1940, Zabulonis is still permitted to prolong the passports of Latvian citizens in Shanghai. Zabulonis maintains contact with Charles Zarins, Latvian representative in London and with Dr. Bilmanis, Latvian representative in Washington, D.C., both of whom do not recognize the 25X1A present Latvian Soviet Socialist Republic. $ilde{ ext{Dr}}_{\circ}$ Bilmanis died in July $)_{o}$

The fate of the approximately 500 Latvians in Manchuria, mostly in Harbin, is not known; many were probably deported to the USSR.

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